REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1,2 and 8 have been canceled. Claims 11 and 12 have been added. Claims 3-7, 9 - 12 are pending.

Prior Art Rejection:

The claims rejected over the prior art have been canceled.

Objected Claim and Claims Rejected under Sec. 112:

Claim 3 is objected to as stated in paragraph 1 of the office action. The basis for the objection has now been removed by claim amendment. As similar amendment to claim 9 has also been made.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. This claim has now been canceled.

New Claims

New claim 11 and 12 have been added. These claims are rewordings of claims 3 and 9 respectively replacing the "characterized" language of these claims with more conventional US style claim format.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

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even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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